

Cal OES Internal Statewide Incident Briefing

2000 hours, February 25, 2023

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Highway 20 view from Williams, CA just right before entering the hills.

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California State Warning Center





Weather Risk Outlook

Regional Operations Center

Western Region

Saturday, February 25

	Sat, Feb 25	Sun, Feb 26	Mon, Feb 27	Tue, Feb 28	Wed, Mar 01	Thu, Mar 02	Fri, Mar 03
Fire Weather Low RH / Wind / Dry T-Storms							
Thunderstorms Wind / Hail / Tornadoes	Coastal/ Southern		Coastal				
Cold	All Regions	All Regions			Coastal/Inland	Coastal/Inland	Southern
River Flooding	Southern						
Wind	Southern	Inland/Southern	Coastal/Inland	Inland/Southern	Southern	Southern	
Heavy Rain Flash Flooding / Debris Flow	Southern		Coastal				
Snow	Southern*	All Regions	Coastal/Inland	Coastal/Inland	All Regions		
Coastal Flooding							

*** Note that snow is expected for all regions Saturday but the highest impacts are expected in Southern Region**

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Weather Key Points

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- A historic winter storm will continue across the southern half of California Saturday
 - Snow levels will drop back down to 2500-3500' by Saturday afternoon in southern California
 - Significant travel impacts are expected to continue, including many southern Sierra passes and many southern California passes
 - Gusty winds will also continue in southern California Saturday, potentially producing tree damage, leading to reduced visibility in blowing snow in the foothills and mountains, as well as blowing dust and sand in the deserts
 - Blizzard conditions, with very low visibility and very difficult travel, will continue in some mountain locations, including the southern Sierra and the mountains of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino counties through Saturday morning, gradually improving in the afternoon
 - This is a very rare event for southern California mountains due to the combination of strong winds and high snowfall rates
 - Damage is also likely due to heavy snow loads on structures, trees, and powerlines
 - Isolated, mainly afternoon thunderstorms, are possible Saturday across southern California and Sunday and Monday along the northern and central coasts
 - These storms could lead to impactful hail accumulations, especially along the northern coastline, as well as gusty winds and waterspouts over the ocean waters



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- Moderate to locally heavy rainfall will also be possible, mainly along the southern California coast, especially Saturday morning
 - Elevated risk of shallow mud and debris flows at recent burn scars
 - Flooding will also be possible in areas with poor drainage, including urban flooding
- Rises on streams and rivers are expected on Saturday, with the most significant rises in southern California
 - A few rivers are expected to reach monitor stage
 - The Santa Ynez River at Narrows in Santa Barbara County is expected to exceed Flood Stage Saturday morning
 - The San Diego River at Fashion Valley is expected to reach flood stage briefly Saturday evening.
- Much colder temperatures are expected into the weekend, with some record cold temperatures likely
- Additional storm systems will likely move through the state Sunday into the middle of next week, bringing another round of gusty winds, rain and heavy mountain snow to the majority of the state

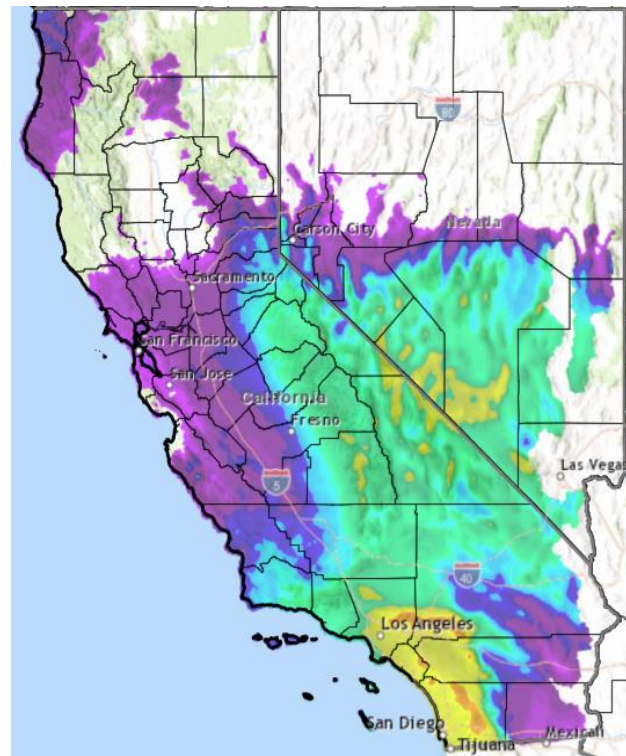


Daily Precipitation Forecast

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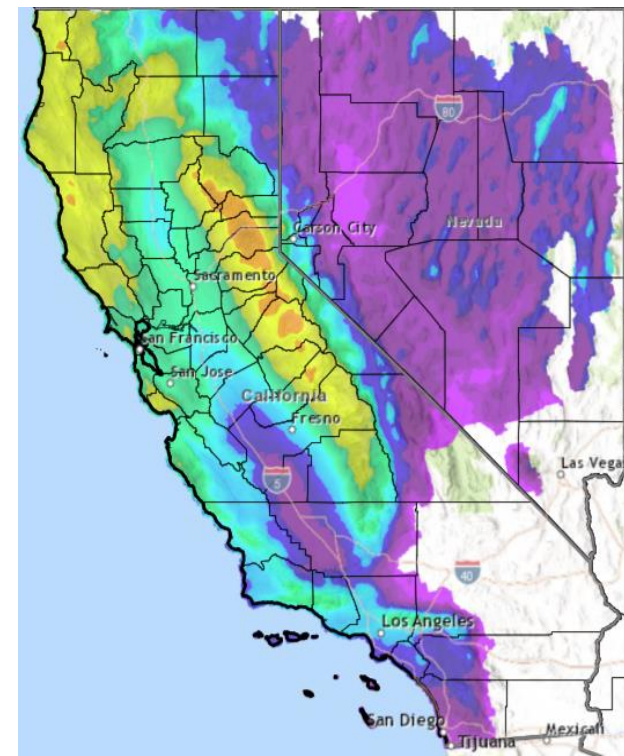
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Saturday



Sunday



Monday

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Precipitation (inches)



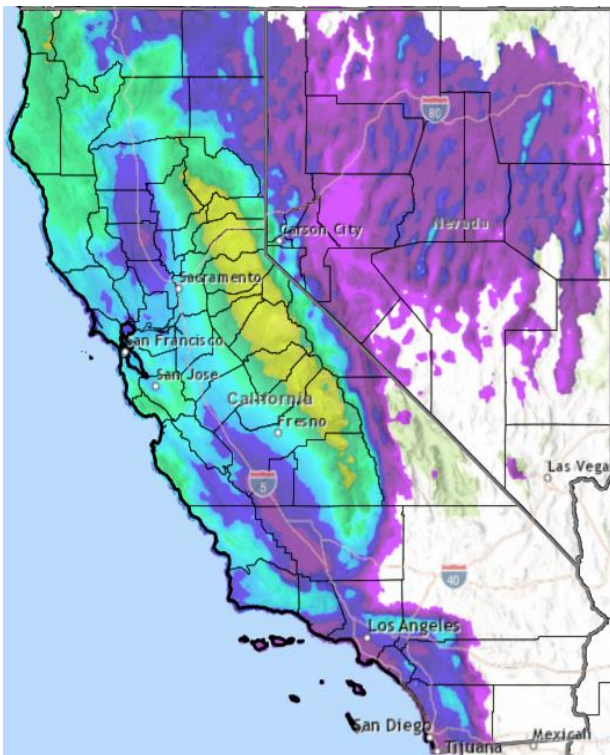


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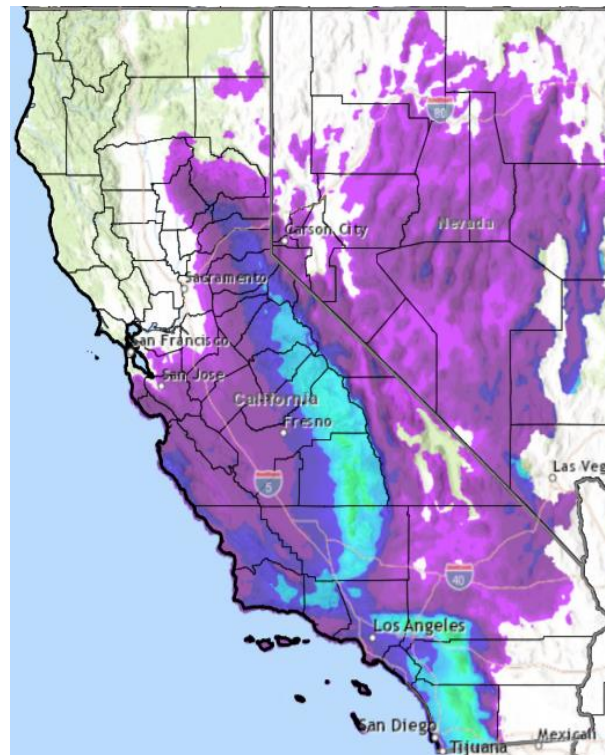
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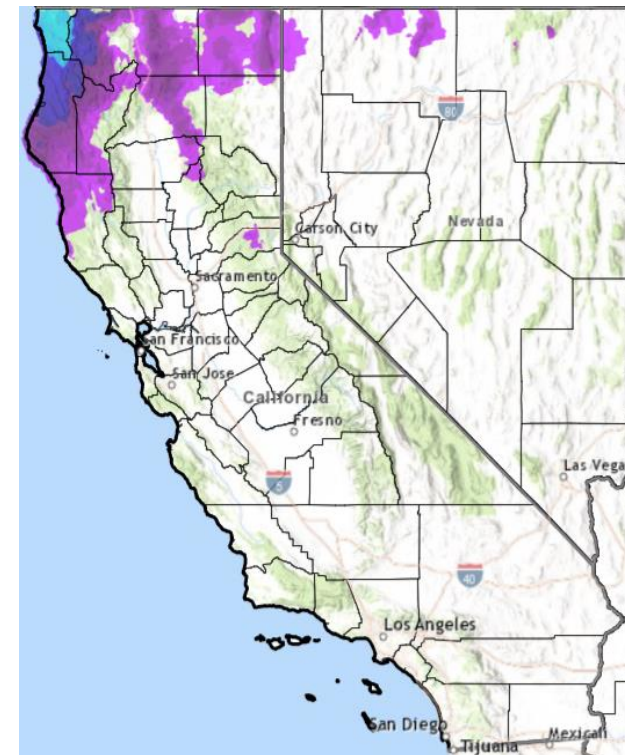
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Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday

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Precipitation (inches)



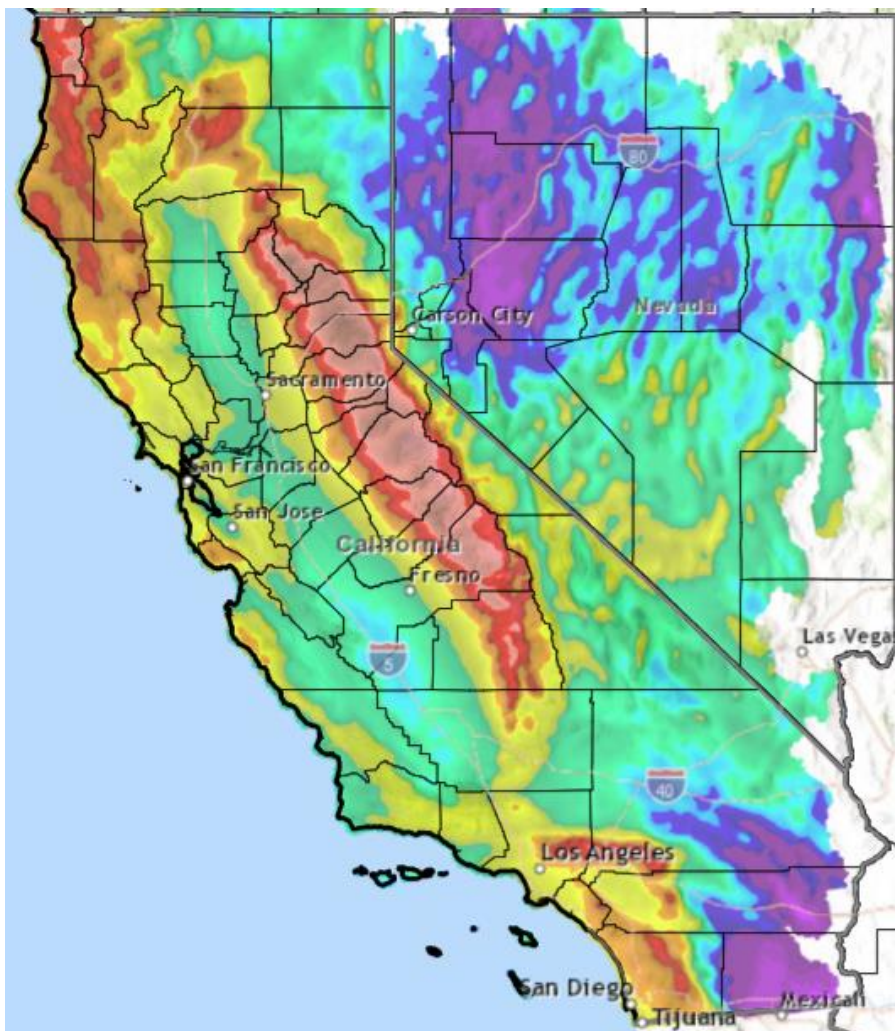


Total Precipitation Forecast

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Precipitation (inches)



Saturday - Thursday

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Weather Outlook (6-14 Days)

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6-10 Day Outlook (March 2 - March 6)

Temperatures

- Below normal temperatures are strongly favored statewide

Precipitation

- Above normal precipitation is favored for the majority of the state, with the exception of far southern California where near normal precipitation is favored

8-14 Day Outlook (March 4 - 10)

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Precipitation

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Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center

STATEWIDE WILDFIRE RISK POTENTIAL

Fri Feb 24, 1200hrs



Sat Feb 25, 1200hrs



Sun Feb 26, 1200hrs



Acres



Each map shows the time with the highest wildfire risk potential. 8 hour simulations are run every three hours of the day to produce a map of wildfire risk potential in acres. The average number of acres in an area should not exceed the associated number in the legend. Risk forecast does not consider suppression efforts. Courtesy of Technosylva.



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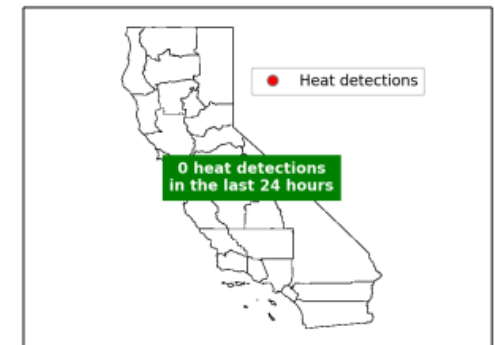
Weekly Fire Potential and Weather Forecast

Northern Region

- Well below normal temps, increasing RHs and periods of widespread wetting precip with low snow levels will keep the significant fire risk in the "little-to-no risk" category for the next 7 days.
- Moisture found within the mountain snowpack currently ranges 140-175% of normal for the date and is expected to increase significantly through early next week.
- Dead fuel moisture values which began this more active weather pattern drier than seasonally typical will increase significantly in response to series of upcoming frontal systems. ERCs do still remain unusually high for the time of year in most PSAs, though are expected to fall rapidly from this afternoon onward.
- Herbaceous grass and forbs are exhibiting a solid flush of green-up, generally below 2,500-3,000 ft, and the abundant soil moisture will continue to feed this growth; although, cooler temperature periods will lessen the intensity of growth and may even provide some frost/freeze nip. The abundant standing dead from the previous growing season has been significantly altered or "melted", thus lowering the fire spread threat across many areas.
- Live woody brush-shrubs and tree canopies contain mixed flammability based on the limited sampling that has been done the past month. Dormancy has set in across the mid and upper elevations with little change expected. Some new growth is occurring for some species across the lowest elevations with blossoms becoming more apparent in the fruiting non-traditional wildland fuel species.

	Fri 24 Feb	Sat 25 Feb	Sun 26 Feb	Mon 27 Feb	Tue 28 Feb	Wed 01 Mar	Thu 02 Mar
North Coast							
Mid Coast to Mendocino							
Bay Marine							
Diablo-Santa Cruz Mtns							
Northwestern Mtn							
Sac Valley/Foothills							
NE California							
Northern Sierra							
Far Eastside							

■ Min. risk ■ Low Risk ■ Moderate Risk
■ Lightning ■ H - Hot & Dry ■ No Data
■ W - Wind



Southern Region

- There will be little or no fire activity across the region through the forecast period.
- An unusually cold, deep Pacific trough will slowly move south along the California coast and then inland over the next few days, bringing a high impact winter storm to the entire area. Another, weaker storm will affect the region next week as another trough moves in.
- Areas of showers, with a snow level around 2,000 feet, will continue to affect most of the region through this evening. For today and into early tonight, precipitation will remain fairly light and showery, but snow will be starting to accumulate over 2,000 feet.
- Southwest to west winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 50 mph will surface across the mountain ridges and through the desert passes through this evening.
- The worst of the storm will occur from late tonight through Saturday afternoon. There has been very little change in the forecast and we remain on track for a high impact and potentially historic winter storm.

	Fri 24 Feb	Sat 25 Feb	Sun 26 Feb	Mon 27 Feb	Tue 28 Feb	Wed 01 Mar	Thu 02 Mar
Eastern Sierra							
Central Sierra							
Southern Sierra							
Sierra Foothills							
Central Valley							
Central Coast Interior							
Central Coast							
South Coast							
Western Mountains							
Eastern Mountains							
Southern Mountains							
Lower Deserts							
Eastern Deserts							
Central Mojave							
Upper Deserts							
Northern Deserts							

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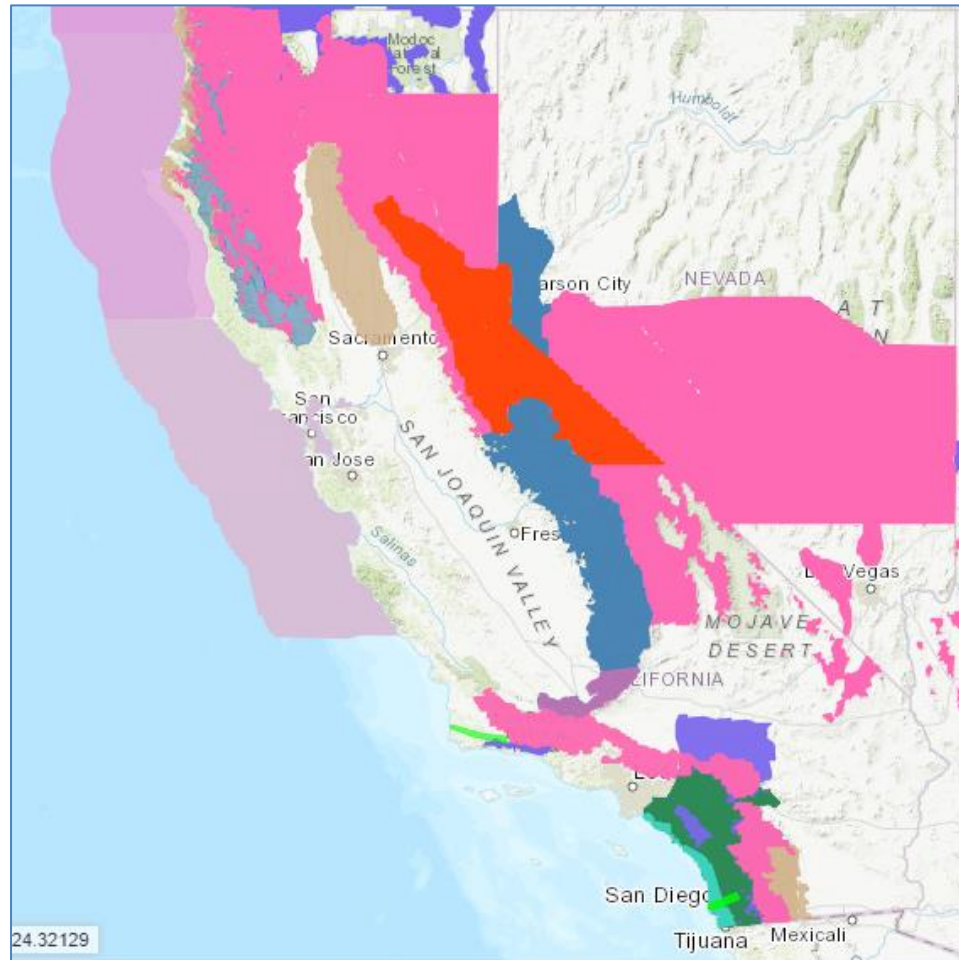
WEATHER MAP & WATCHES / WARNINGS LINKS

Weather Advisories, Watches, and Warnings currently active in California:

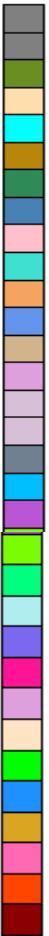
<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca>

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca&bycounty=1>



Air Quality Alert
Air Quality Advisory
Coastal Flood Statement
Fire Weather Watch
Freeze Watch
High Wind Watch
Flood Watch
Winter Storm Watch
Gale Watch
Beach Hazards Statement
Avalanche Watch
Frost Advisory
Wind Advisory
Hazardous Seas Warning
Brisk Wind Advisory
Small Craft Advisory
Dense Fog Advisory
Heavy Freezing Spray Warning
High Surf Advisory
Coastal Flood Advisory
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Flash Flood Warning



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SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES Activation Status

State Operations Center	Inland Region EOC	Coastal Region EOC	Southern Region EOC
Level 3	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations

2023 February – March Winter Storms

Winter storm systems are forecasted to impact California this week through the weekend.

- Per Watershed/Debris Flow Task Force (WSTF), there are currently no NWS Local Forecast Offices forecasting debris flow thresholds that will be met across the state, rainfall impacts are expected to be minor. This has potential to change toward the end of the week and into the weekend.
- The State Operation Center (SOC) is activated with limited staffing to support the winter storm response effort.
 - Saturday 02/25/23 0800 to 2000 hours
 - Sunday 02/26/23 0800 to 2000 hours
- The Cal OES Situation Cell has been activated to an Enhanced Watch posture and is producing Incident Reports on the event.
 - Please see attached Situation Cell Incident Report No. [9](#) - Late February Storm Systems, [02/25/23](#) at [1000](#) hours.

Cal OES COASTAL REGION

- Nothing significant to report

Cal OES INLAND REGION

- Nothing significant to report

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION

- Nothing significant to report

COVID-19 SUMMARY

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

On 03/02/20 at 0700 hours, the Cal OES State Operations Center (SOC) activated at Level 1 in support of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Medical Health Coordination Center's (MHCC) statewide response to COVID-19. Cal OES will continue to provide resource coordination for the COVID-19 event, as well as situation status reporting and advance planning across multiple areas.

SMARTER Plan

On 10/17/22, Governor Newsom unveiled the "[California Smarter Plan Updates October 2022](#)". The plan emphasizes continued readiness, awareness and flexibility and helps ensure California can maintain its focus on communities that continue to be disproportionately impacted and stay prepared to swiftly and effectively respond to emerging COVID-19 variants and changing conditions. Governor Newsom is set to lift the State of Emergency in early 2023, and this update provides information on California's progress to date and how we move forward.

CDPH Statewide Travel Advisory

- For more information: [CDC Travel Guidelines](#)

Confirmed California COVID-19 Cases - Per California Department of Public Health Tracking COVID-19 as of 02/22/23 at 1630 hours: (report updated bi-weekly)

- 11,105,535 (+20,717) total confirmed cases.
- 100,187 (+227) total deaths.
- Please see the most recent "Situation Report - COVID-19" attachment for additional details.

PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS) SUMMARY

PSPS Status

PG&E	SCE	SDG&E	Liberty Utilities
Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations

PG&E

- Nothing significant to report.

SCE

- Nothing significant to report.

SDG&E

- Nothing significant to report.

Liberty Utilities

- Nothing significant to report.

PacificCorp

- Nothing significant to report.

MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Emergency Transportation Route Closures

Northern California	Central California	Southern California
Emergency Transportation Route Closures	Emergency Transportation Route Closures	Emergency Transportation Route Closures

Emergency Transportation Route Closures:

- **Mendocino and Humboldt Counties:** US 101 is closed from 6.9 mi north of the Jct of SR 20 at Reynolds Hwy to 7.3 mi to Garberville due to snow. Estimated time of reopening: Unknown.
- **Kern and Los Angeles Counties:** I-5 is closed to both lanes traffic from 5 mi south of the Jct. of SR 99 at Grapevine Rd to the Kern/Los Angeles Co Line due to snow. Estimated time of reopening: Unknown.
- **Los Angeles and Kern Counties:** I-5 is closed both lanes from 3 mi north of the Jct of SR 126 at Parker Rd to the Los Angeles/Kern County Line due to snow/ice. Estimated time of reopening: Unknown.
- **Inyo and Mono Counties:** US 395 is closed from Gorge Road to the Jct of SR 182 due to snow/ice. Estimated time of reopening: Unknown.
- **Inyo County:** US 395 is closed from Pearsonville to Fall Rd, Olancho due to downed and low hanging powerlines. Estimated time of reopening: Unknown.
- **Mendocino County:** US 101 from the Jct of SR 1 to the Jct of SR 271 closed due to down trees/ powerlines in both directions. Estimated time of reopening: Unknown.
- **Kern County:** SR 33 from 6.5 mi north of the East Jct of SR 58 at Lokern Rd to 11 mi south of the Jct of SR 46 at Lerdo Rd. Estimated time of reopening: Unknown.



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Non-Emergency Transportation Route Closure:

- **San Luis Obispo/Monterey County:** SR 1 is closed from 7 miles South of Lucia to 4 miles South of Lucia due to rockslides. Estimated time of reopening: 05/01/2023.
- **Butte/Placer County:** SR 70 is closed from Jarbo Gap to the Jct. of SR 89 at Greenville Wy. due to slides. Estimated time of reopening: 03/01/2023.
- **Mendocino County:** SR1 from 2.9 mi north of Rockport at Cottoneva Creek to the Jct of US 101 closed due to slides. Estimated time of reopening: Unknown.
- **Santa Clara County:** SR9 from the Jct of SR 35 to 3 mi north of the Jct of SR 35 at Redwood Gulch Rd due to a slide. Estimated time of reopening: 02/27/23.
- **Orange County:** SR1 from Seapoint St in Huntington Beach to 1 mi north of Huntington Beach at Warner Ave closed due to slides in both directions. Estimated time of reopening unknown.
- **Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties:** SR 166 is closed from the Jct of US 101 to the Jct of SR 33 due to flooding and mudslides. Estimated Time of Reopening: Unknown.

MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Wildfire Closures:

- There are no Wildfire Closures.

Emergency Operations Center Activations

- The District 6 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has activated virtually at Duty Officer status at 1000 hours on 02/25/23 in response to the February Winter Storms.

Interactive Travel Forecast Map Based on Weather Conditions Provided by National Weather Service (Prototype)

- <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/travel/?wfo=mtr>



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FIRE ACTIVITY

Cal OES Fire Preparedness Levels

National	Northern California	Southern California
Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 1
	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 2	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 2

Note: The National and Regional Preparedness Levels are maintained by the National Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group and are separate from Cal OES activation levels.

FEMA

- None reported

Pre-Position Resources

Region I 3 Prepositions

Los Angeles County: XLB – 1 Local Government Dozer Type 1, [3 Local Government Engines Type 6](#), 1 Local Government Hand Crew Type 1, 1 Local Government Dispatcher.

- Start Date: 02/23/23 0800 hours
- Tentative End Date: 02/26/23 [2000](#) hours

Orange County: XOR -- 5 OES Engines Type 3, 1 Local Government Dozer Type 2, 1 Local Government Helicopter with Rescuers, 1 Local Government Hand Crew Type 2, 1 Local Government Dispatcher

- Start Date: 02/23/23 0800 hours
- Tentative End Date: 02/26/23 0800 hours

Ventura County: XVE – 1 Local Government Dozer Type 1, 1 Local Government Hand Crew Type , 1 Local Government Dispatcher, 2 Local Government Swift Water Rescue Team

- Start Date: 02/24/23 0800 hours
- Tentative End Date: 02/26/23 0800 hours

FIRE ACTIVITY

Pre-Position Resources (Continued)

Region VI 2 Prepositions

Riverside County: XRI -1 Local Government Swift Water Rescue Team

- Start Date: 2/23/23 1800 hours
- Tentative End Date: 02/26/23 0800 hours

San Bernardino County – XBO - 5 Local Government Engines Type 6, 1 Local Government Loader, 1 Local Government Hand Crew T2IA, 1 Local Government Dispatcher, 5 Local Government IMT Members

- Start Date: 2/23/23 1500 hours
- Tentative End Date: 2/26/23 0800 hours

Pre-Positioned Resources by Type

- 5 Cal OES Engines
- 0 Cal OES Water Tenders
- 8 Local Government Engines
- 3 Local Government Dozer
- 0 Local Government Water Tenders
- 1 Local Government Helicopter with (2) Rescuers
- 4 Local Government Hand Crews
- 4 Local Government Dispatcher
- 5 Local Government IMT Member
- 1 Local Government Heavy Equipment (Loader/Excavator/Road Grader)
- 0 Cal OES Swift Water Rescue Team
- 0 Cal OES USAR Regional Task Forces
- 3 Local Government Swift Water Rescue Team

Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

Cal OES Law Enforcement Missions

- **2023-LAW-94112, 02/20/23:** The City of Oakland has requested 10 IT personnel and support staff to assist with the Cyber Attack that occurred on February 8th. Chief has approved the mission and the JOC has been advised of the MRT and is working on the resources to assist Alameda County and the City of Oakland. **Update 2/22/23:** Adding 1 IT from CHP and 2 from CDT. **Update: 2/24/23, 1635 hours:** LDC in contact with ESC coordinating response from Oakland, Law Branch Chief, JIACG, Alameda County. Oakland Emergency Management requesting extension of mission with CNG returning on Monday, 02/27/23. **Mission approval pending.**
- **2023-LAW-94229, 2/23/23, 1700 hours:** Placer Hill Fire Dept contacted K9 AC and requested a SHRD K9 for a search of a burned structure in the Auburn area. AC contacted Placer County SO and confirmed request. Mission accepted for 02/24/23. **Mission Ongoing.**
- **2023-LAW-94281, 2/25/23, 0127 hours:** LDC notified by CSWC of an In Reach device activation in Inyo County at 36.524530 -117.547005 which resolves to Saline Valley Rd in Death Valley National Park. Device user/ R/O advises they are snowed in on the South Pass of Saline Valley Rd. Update: 0210 hours. Death Valley National Park Rangers notified by IERCC and upon confirmation from device user that they are okay to shelter in place overnight, Death Valley NP SAR & Rangers will deploy in am. **Mission Ongoing.**

Cal OES MISSION TASKINGS

Cal OES Missions

- **2023-SOC-9872:** Calaveras County Local Assistance Center (LAC), 1 Cal OES Taccom Cradlepoint to support staff and allied agencies. Equipment is on-scene. MAR 4. **UPDATE:** As of 2/15 the Calaveras LAC will be relocated from the fairgrounds to the Health & Human Services building until 03/06/23. COMC J moving equipment. **UPDATE:** As of 02/16/23 the Calaveras LAC relocated from the fairgrounds to the Health & Human Services building, until 03/6. COMC J moving equipment.



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Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.